GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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COASTAL REGULATION ZONE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any issues are pending for decision regarding Coastal Regulation Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary sanction to Navi Mumbai under Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) has been issued;

(d) if so, whether the decision has been taken on the recommendations of Sukthankar Committee;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether necessary permission has been accorded to prepare CZMP for greater Mumbai to the Scale of 1:4000 from authorised agency;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The Ministry had approved the Coastal Zone Management Plan of Maharashtra with conditions and modifications on 27th September, 1996 which also includes the stretches of Navi Mumbai. Subsequently, the Central Government had received the proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra seeking approval of the revised Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) of Navi Mumbai on 25th November, 1998 under the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ), Notification, 1991. The proposal sought reclassification of certain stretches of Navi Mumbai from CRZ-III to CRZ-II. Sukthankar Committee was constituted to examine the issues relating to Coastal Zone Management in the Mumbai Urban Area. The Committee also examined the revised CZMP of Navi Mumbai.

(d) and (e): The Committee inter-alia observed that the revised CZMP for Navi Mumbai did not conform to the provisions of the CRZ, Notification, 1991 and recommended amendment to the Notification in this regard. The recommendation was not accepted.

(f) and (g) : The Central Government had issued the guidelines for demarcating the High Tide Line on 6th May, 1999 which advices the coastal States to prepare the Coastal Zone Management Plan in 1:25000 scale and for local level planning 1:3960 of the nearest scale.

(h) Does not arise.